

## FEDERAL FUNDING PROGRAMS

Americorps Watershed Stewards Project – gives grants to agencies and private entities for in-stream assessment of fisheries and habitat conditions, stream restoration, habitat monitoring. For more information contact: Heidi Hicketheir at (707) 725-8601.

Americorps – the National Civilian Community Corps provides human and logistical resources for environmental restoration, conservation, and enhancement projects. For more information contact: Naval Training Center at (619) 524-0751.

Agricultural Conservation Program – to control erosion and sedimentation and to encourage voluntary compliance with federal/state requirements to solve point and nonpoint source pollution. For more information contact: Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture at (916) 551-1801.

Army Corps of Engineers/Section 1135 – funds are available for the restoration and acquisition of wetlands previously affected by an Army Corps project. For more information contact: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at (415) 705-1633.

Bay Estuary Program – this program, administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service provides funds to federal, state, and local agencies for identified estuary programs. For more information contact: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at (916) 978-4613.

Beach Erosion Control Projects – grants are provided to nonfederal organizations to control beach and shore erosion of public shores. The Army Corps of Engineers designs and constructs the project. For more information contact: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at (916) 557-5100.

Bring Back the Natives – the Bureau of Land Management provides funds to federal, state and local agencies, and private organizations to restore entire native aquatic communities and the reintroduction of rare native species into aquatic ecosystems. Funds are provided for planning, habitat restoration, habitat acquisition, monitoring and research. For more information contact: Jim Decker, Bureau of Land Management at (916) 978-4725.

Building a Sustainable Future – Small Grant Program for Capacity Building Activities in Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities is a grant program of the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy and the Center of Excellence for Sustainable Development (CESD). The goal of the program is to provide small grants to help communities: 1) develop comprehensive sustainable development plans and/or 2) address specific problems in the implementation of their sustainable development plans. The project or activity must be conducted in a federally designated Empowerment Zone or Enterprise Community. Any non-federal public agency or non-profit agency may apply. For more information, contact: Ken Snyder via fax at (303) 275-4830 or electronic mail at [kenneth.snyder@hq.doe.gov](mailto:kenneth.snyder@hq.doe.gov).

Challenge Cost Share Program – the Bureau of Land Management provides funds to federal, state, and private organizations to manage public lands to insure optimum populations, natural abundance and diversity of wildlife resources on public lands. Priority on riparian/wetland habitats. For more information contact: Lilian Olech, Bureau of Land Management at (916) 978-4725.

Challenge Cost Share Program – the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service provides state and local and private organizations funds to manage natural and cultural resources through partnerships while fulfilling the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's restoration responsibilities. For more information contact: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Refuges at (503) 231-6171.

Civil Works Projects – these funds provide state and local agencies help with a variety of water resource problems including flood control, coastal and shoreline erosion, environmental restoration, and water quality control. Restoration may include species management and protection of endangered species. For more information contact: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at (916) 557-5100.

Climate Change Action Plan – grants are intended for proposals focusing on source reduction, recycling and composting. The program

began in 1996 and past awards have ranged from \$50,000 to \$250,000. No matching funds are required. Emphasis is placed on measurability of projects, in terms of volumes of waste reduced to be translated into greenhouse gas reductions. For more information contact: Julia Wolf, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Waste Management Division at (415) 744-2131 or via their website at <http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding>.

Coastal America Initiative – a program for federal and non-federal partners to restore coastal habitat along with reducing pollution. Funds are administered through an inter-agency partnership between the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. For more information contact: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds at (415) 327-744-1702.

Coastal Research Grants – the National Coastal Resources Research and Development Institute (NCRI) Program offers grants to individuals, educational institutions, any non-federal governmental agency, nonprofit groups, and to private sector firms for projects which promote environmentally compatible economic diversification and development in the coastal United States through evaluation, assessment, demonstration, education and outreach programs. Contact: National Coastal Resources Research and Development Institute at (503) 725-5725.

Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection, and Restoration Act – the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service provides funds to coastal states for acquisition of interests in coastal lands and for restoration, enhancement, or management of coastal wetland ecosystems. For more information contact: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Federal Aid at (703) 358-2156.

Conservation Easement Program – the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) provides essentially a “debt-for-nature” swap that allows FmHA borrowers to request local reductions for conservation, recreation, or wildlife easements. Appropriate for wetlands, floodplain zones, erodible soils, and other lands. For more information contact: FmHA state office at (916) 668-2000.

Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) – CRP is the Federal government’s single largest environmental improvement program, and one of its most effective. Today, CRP is safeguarding millions of acres of American topsoil from erosion, increasing wildlife habitat, and protecting ground

and surface water by reducing water runoff and sedimentation. Countless lakes, rivers, ponds, and streams are cleaner and more vital in part because of CRP. The program, operated by the Natural Resources Conservation Service, offers landowners annual rental payments for ten years in return for converting environmentally sensitive cropland, mainly highly erodible cropland, to permanent vegetative cover. Contact: Natural Resources Conservation Service at (916) 757-8258.

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loans – a loan program that provides funding to the Department of Health Services and to local water agencies to ensure that drinking water remains safe and affordable. For more information contact: Bill Robertson, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at (415) 744-1857.

Endangered Species Conservation Projects – cost sharing grants from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are used for conservation of endangered and threatened species. These funds must pass through a state agency with a special appropriation. For more information contact: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at (916) 322-2493 or (916) 978-4613.

Environmental Education – provides funding to local, state, nonprofit or educational entities to support projects that design, demonstrate, or disseminate environmental education practices, methods or techniques. For more information contact: Stacey Benfer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at (415) 744-1161.

Environmental Justice (EJ) grants – provide financial assistance to eligible community groups that are working on or plan to carry out projects to address environmental justice issues. Grants are awarded up to \$20,000 and no match is required. For more information contact: Katy Wilcoxon, Environmental Justice Team, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX at (415) 744-1565 or via their website at <http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding>.

Environmental Justice Community/University Partnership (CUP) – helps community groups efficiently address local environmental justice through active partnership with universities. Contact: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at (202) 564-2606.

Environmental Justice Through Pollution Prevention (EJP2) grants – awarded to empower low income, minority communities through education

on environmental issues and to provide pollution prevention resources for addressing these issues. Eligible applicants include 501(c)(3) nonprofits, state, city, county, or other local government organizations. For more information contact: Eileen Sheehan, EJP2 Team, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX at (415) 744-2190 or via their website at <http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding>.

Environmental Protection Agency – provides grants through watershed planning, restoration, and stewardship studies. For more information contact: Suzanne Marr, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at (415) 744-1974.

Environmental Protection Agency/National Science Foundation Special Awards Competition – provides funding to develop an improved understanding of water quantity, quality, and availability of coupled terrestrial and aquatic ecosystem functions. For more information contact: Barbara Levinson, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at (202) 260-5983.

Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) – provides funds for soil and water conservation, water quality, wildlife habitat, and watersheds. For more information contact: California Farm Service Agency/Natural Resources Conservation Service at (530) 792-5600.

Fisheries Across America – provides funds for aquatic ecosystem restoration and protection. For more information contact: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at (530) 230-5973.

Flood Control Projects – to reduce flood damages, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers works with non-federal agency applicants to design and construct projects and provide cash contribution for project features. For more information contact: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at (916) 557-5100.

Forestry Incentives Program (FIP) – provides money for forest management. Contact: Jerry Real, Natural Resources Conservation Service at (916) 757-8256.

Groundwater (Clean Water Act, Section 106) – supports groundwater protection efforts. For more information contact: Judy Bloom, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at (415) 744-1829.

Groundwater (Safe Drinking Water Act, PL 1421-28) – provides funding for continuing program

implementation for class II injection wells used in oil and gas production. For more information contact: Judy Bloom, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at (415) 744-1829.

Hazard Mitigation Grants Program – the Federal Emergency Management Agency provides funds for watershed projects that reduce the risk of future damage from natural disasters. For more information contact: Federal Emergency Management Agency, State Hazard Mitigation Office at (916) 557-6911 or visit their web site at <http://www.FEMA.gov>.

Jobs in the Woods – provides grants to public agencies, resource conservation districts and nonprofit organizations for watershed restoration and forest health improvement in forest-dependent communities. For more information contact: Bruce Halstead, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at (707) 822-7201.

Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) – the Land and Water Conservation Fund had previously been the source of funds for land acquisition and parks development, but in the past several years it has not been authorized at any significant level for these purposes. At this time, strong grass-roots organizing is being undertaken to provide significant LWCF funding in the coming year. Current legislative proposals include funds for coastal acquisition projects in California. For more specific information contact your congressional representative or regional office of any of the federal agencies. For more information contact: National Park Service at (415) 744-3939.

Migratory Bird Conservation Fund – the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) provides grants to state wildlife agencies in partnership with USFWS to acquire waterfowl breeding, wintering and migration habitat needed for maintaining optimum migratory bird population levels and to achieve desirable migration and distribution patterns. Land becomes part of the National Wildlife Refuge System. For more information contact: Howard Stark, USFWS at (916) 978-4420.

National Coastal Wetland Conservation Grants – the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service offers grants to state agencies and nonprofits working with applying state agencies for the acquisition of interests in coastal lands or waters. For more information contact: Chris McKay, Division of Federal Aid, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at (503) 231-6128.

National Estuary Program – the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency provides funds to state

government to protect nationally significant estuarine watersheds by developing and implementing conservation plans that address water quality, living resources, and land and water resources. For more information contact: San Francisco Estuary Project at (415) 744-1953.

National Farm 'A' System – the Natural Resources Conservation Service provides funds to private landowners to evaluate rural activities and structures to protect, maintain and improve groundwater quality. For more information contact: Natural Resources Conservation Service at (530) 792-5600.

National Research Initiative Competitive Grants Program – the Cooperative State Research System (CSRS) provides funds to organizations to support high priority research in agriculture, forestry and related environmental sciences including ecosystem research, water resources assessment and protection, plant responses to environment, soil biology, etc. For more information contact: CSRS National Office, U.S. Department of Agriculture at (202) 401-5048.

Partners for Wildlife – the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's habitat restoration cost-sharing program for private landowners to offer technical and financial assistance to landowners who wish to restore wildlife habitat on their property. For more information contact: Debra Schlafman or Dan Strait, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at (916) 979-2085 or check the Partners for Wildlife website at <http://ceres.ca.gov/wetlands/introduction/partners.html>.

Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program – provides grants for research, education, and demonstration of reduced risk pest control techniques and products. For more information contact: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at (415) 744-1068.

Planning Assistance to States – the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers provides funds to state agencies to cooperate in the preparation of comprehensive plans for the development, utilization and conservation of water and related land resources of drainage basins located within the boundaries of that state. For more information contact: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at (916) 557-5100.

Pollution Prevention Incentives for States – provides support to state agencies to build state pollution prevention capabilities and to test innova-

tive prevention approaches and methodologies. For more information contact: Eileen Sheehan, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at (415) 744-2190.

Private Lands Program (Species Habitat Program) – the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service provides funds to private landowners to conserve biological diversity by restoring natural values of habitat on private lands. Projects must involve voluntary private landowner participation, cooperative agreement of not less than ten years, and have federal species at risk as the primary target. For more information contact: Private Lands Coordinator, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at (916) 978-4420.

Public/Private Partnerships – provides grants to nonprofit organizations to encourage communities to explore private/public partnerships using alternative financing. For more information contact: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at (415) 744-1635.

River Basin Surveys and Investigations – the Natural Resources Conservation Service provides funds to federal, state, and local agencies for developing coordinated water and related land resources programs. Priority is given to solving problems of upstream rural community flooding, water quality improvement, wetland preservation and drought management for agricultural and rural communities. For more information contact: Natural Resources Conservation Service at (530) 792-5600.

Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program – provides grants to local or state agencies or nonprofit organizations that provide technical assistance to conserve river corridors and watersheds and to establish trails and greenways. For more information contact: National Park Service at (415) 744-3975.

Solid Waste Management Assistance (SWMA) – provides grants for demonstration and educational projects that promote effective integrated solid waste management. Grants of no more than \$50,000 are awarded to nonprofits and government agencies. No matching funds are required. For more information contact: Julia Wolfe, Waste Management Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX at (415) 744-2131 or via their website at <http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding>.

State Wetlands Protection Grants – provides funds to states to develop new wetland protection programs or refine existing protection programs. Contact: Mary Butterwick, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at (415) 744-1874.

Surface Water, Clean Water Act Section 106 – provides funds to local, state, tribal agencies, and nonprofits for continuing implementation of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System program. Contact: Mark Flachsbart, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at (415) 744-1874.

Sustainable Development Challenge Grants (SDCG) – intended for efforts that protect the local environment and conserve natural resources while supporting a healthy economy and an improved quality of life. Grants are awarded in two funding categories: up to \$50,000 and \$50,000 to \$250,000. For more information contact: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at (415) 744-1624 or via their website at <http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding>.

Transportation Enhancement Program (TEA 21) – provides significant funds for the acquisition, restoration and enhancement of coastal natural resources in California and the provision of public access improvements, as well as other resource enhancement activities. For more information contact: National Transportation Enhancements Clearinghouse at (888) 388-6832 or visit their website at <http://www.tranact.org/ntec.htm>.

US/Mexico Borders Project Grants – awarded to further the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's efforts toward implementing the Border XXI Program. Projects selected emphasize application of community-based and regional approaches to meeting the goals of sustainable development, capacity-building and coordination among key stakeholders. For more information contact: Pam Teel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of International Activities at (202) 564-6424.

Water Bank Program – administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture with the purpose of preserving wetland areas, conserving surface waters, and increasing migratory waterfowl habitat. Applicants are landowners who are paid not to develop or farm their lands while permanent conservation solutions are explored. For more information contact: U.S. Department of Agriculture at (916) 757-8253.

Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program (PL 566) – provides funds to private entities to protect, improve, and develop water and land resources in watersheds up to 250,000 acres. For more information contact: Natural Resources Conservation Service at (530) 792-5600.

Wetlands Protection Development Grants – the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency offers grants to state, tribal, regional and local governments to develop or improve wetland protection programs. Contact: Suzanne Marr, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (WTR-3) at (415) 744-1974.

Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) – a voluntary program of the Natural Resources Conservation Service to restore and protect wetlands on private property. It is an opportunity for landowners to receive financial incentives to enhance wetlands in exchange for retiring marginal agricultural land. For more information contact: ASCS Conservation Program Specialist, Natural Resources Conservation Service at (530) 792-5600.

Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) – a component of the 1996 U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Bill and a voluntary program for people who want to develop and improve wildlife habitat on private lands. It provides both technical assistance and cost sharing to help establish and improve fish and wildlife habitat. For more information contact: U.S. Department of Agriculture at (916) 757-8253.